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IMPLEMENTATION OF REPORT ON CRASH
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Air Force is considering to effect a major overhaul of policies concerning men and material to reduce the air crash rate to the absolute minimum;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the accident rate could have been reduced if work on implementing some unaddressed recommendations of report submitted in 1997 by the APJ Abdul Kalam Committee on Fighter Aircraft accidents; and

(d) the reasons for non-implementation of the unaddressed issues till now?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): A continuous and multi-faceted effort is always afoot in Indian Air Force to reduce air crashes and improve flight safety.

Measures to enhance the quality of training to improve the skill levels, ability to exercise sound judgement and situational awareness of pilots are being pursued.

Constant interaction with Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. and Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) of concerned countries are also maintained to overcome any technical defects.

(c) & (d): The APJ Abdul Kalam Committee on fighter aircraft accidents made a total of 84 recommendations.Out of these, 47 recommendations have already been implemented and 26 are under various stages of implementation. 11 recommendations were not accepted. As such, no recommendation has been left un-addressed.